THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

SANFORD WILLIAMS, JR.,

Petitioner,

3:20-CV-1516

(JUDGE MARIANI)

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(Magistrate Judge Mehalchick)

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, et al.,

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Respondents.

DAY OF JUNE, 2022, upon review of Magistrate Judge

Karoline Mehalchick's Report and Recommendation ("R&R") (Doc. 27) for clear error or manifest injustice, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The R&R (Doc. 27) is **ADOPTED** based on this Court's determination that Petitioner's claims fail as a matter of law.
- 2. Sanford Williams, Jr.'s Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 is **DENIED**.
- 3. A Certificate of Appealability **SHALL NOT ISSUE**.
- 4. The Clerk of Court is directed to **CLOSE** the case.

Robert D. Mariani

United States District Judge